

## Outcomes of Applications for Disabled-Worker Benefits

**Table 52.**

**Medical decisions at the reconsideration level, by year of application and program, 1992–2001**

Year	All decisions			Decisions on applications for Social Security only			Decisions on applications for both Social Security and SSI		
	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate <sup>a</sup> (percent)	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate <sup>a</sup> (percent)	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate <sup>a</sup> (percent)
1992	419,798	53,881	12.8	190,594	25,352	13.3	229,204	28,529	12.4
1993	469,151	58,275	12.4	206,606	27,306	13.2	262,545	30,969	11.8
1994	489,725	62,757	12.8	226,007	31,468	13.9	263,718	31,289	11.9
1995	458,029	60,584	13.2	218,943	31,563	14.4	239,086	29,021	12.1
1996	464,576	65,466	14.1	226,327	33,596	14.8	238,249	31,870	13.4
1997	403,192	59,978	14.9	206,115	33,373	16.2	197,077	26,605	13.5
1998	384,954	61,742	16.0	199,249	34,043	17.1	185,705	27,699	14.9
1999	385,349	57,808	15.0	203,636	33,192	16.3	181,713	24,616	13.5
2000	388,345	54,356	14.0	204,118	31,327	15.3	184,227	23,029	12.5
2001	347,863	41,015	11.8	177,859	23,677	13.3	170,004	17,338	10.2

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Disability Research file, 100 percent data.

NOTES: Data are current through June 2002.

Because a number of applications remain pending for more recent years, the allowance rate will change over time.

Applications with a medical decision may be pending a final nonmedical decision or subsequently denied for nonmedical reasons.

A revised process was introduced on October 1, 1999, in 10 states, under which initial denials could be appealed directly to the hearing level without a reconsideration.

a. Rate determined by dividing medical allowances by all medical decisions for that year.

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